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August 2, 2019

Kim Berkeley, President Judge
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437 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

RE: Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board

Dear Judge Clark:

I am taking this opportunity to submit to you my letter of resignation as a member of the Jail Oversight Board. I have served on this Board for almost seven years and I have enjoyed the time that I have been on this Board and the opportunity to work with other members of the Board and the Jail staff. I appreciate the accomplishments that we have achieved in reducing the population of the Jail and the cost of its operation. That being said, however, it would appear that I have become a lightning rod for the animosity directed at the Board by the individuals who purport to represent the transgender population of Allegheny County.

We have attempted to accommodate those individuals and set up special meetings in order to discuss their particular concerns, however, we have not been able to quantify their particular problems and, as such, they have become more frustrated and combative. Their attitude towards the members of the Board has been antagonistic, vituperative and vindictive. The language that they have used in our last meetings can charitably be referred to as intemperate.

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I do not believe that it would be in anyone's best interest for me to continue as a member of this Board and therefore, I am submitting to you my letter of resignation.

Very truly yours,


DAVID R. CASHMAN

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cc: Rich Fitzgerald, County Executive
William McKain, County Manager
William Mullen, Sheriff
John DeFazio, President, County Council
Warden Orlando Harper
The Honorable Beth Lazzara
Chelsa Wagner, County Controller
Mr. Abass Kamara
Ms. Terri Klein
Ms. M. Gayle Moss